

Riding School Policies And Rules

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Payments:

- Cash or check only
- Payment is due at the beginning of the lesson
- No payment, no lesson
- Lessons can be paid for in advance
- There is no discount for paying in advance
- Client is responsible for any bank fee as the result of a bad check

Cancellation:

Lessons may be canceled due to weather

- If the weather is unfavorable you will receive a cancellation call
- If you are concerned about the weather feel free to call Val
- No lessons when the temperature is below 20 degrees or windchill in the singles
- No lessons during thunder storms

Other reasons for canceled lessons

- Illness/injury/emergency: Please notify Val ASAP

No Show, No Call

- You will receive a call from Val, and be charged for the missed lesson in full upon your next scheduled lesson.

Attire: Required for all students.

- Proper footwear at all times NO TENNIS SHOES
- Jods/Breeches/Leggings/Sweats/Jeans that are free of bling, excessive stitching, or anything that could scratch the saddles
- Properly fitted ASTM/SEI certified helmet
- *XC safety vest is mandatory for schooling XC or riding at speed*

Extras: For students who would like to school XC or join the show team.

- Jods/Breeches (Buff/White/Black)
- Polo shirt (White/Black/Navy)
- Half Chaps (brown/black to match riding shoes)
- XC safety vest Flex Rider/Tipperary/CO (any color)
- Jump boots for horse Splint/Brushing Boots (any color)
- Jacket (Black/Neutral color)
- Tall boots (Field/Dress)

Show Team requirements for students using lesson horses.

- Intro through Starter Level:** 1 or 2 rides weekly (practice or lesson)

- Beginner Novice and Novice:** 2 to 3 rides weekly (practice or lesson)

~**Riders are also responsible for helping with the following:** Show prep of horse and tack, packing and unpacking for hauling, care of lesson horse off site, assisting other team members at shows, volunteering at 2 off site events, auditing or participating in 3 or more clinics, seminars, or rider workshops.

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Equine activities go hand in hand with safety. These rules are for everyone's safety; yours, your child, the instructor and the animals. Please take time to read and follow them, because we all want to have fun.

General Rules

- **No smoking in barn!** You may smoke in the on the deck, in the driveway or outside away from the barn.
- **Absolutely no drug use of any kind!**
- No one may participate in an equine activity without signing the **Release and Hold Harmless Agreement** and returning it to Val. Failure to do so may result in being excused from the school.
- No running or shouting in the barn and around the horses. Sudden movements and loud noises tend to spook the horses.
- Please leave your dog at home unless you have made prior arrangements with Val or Trevor.
- Please park only in designated areas and drive slowly while on stable property. If it is wet please do not park off the driveway.
- Everyone and their guests are to wear closed toe footwear at all times while on stable property, even if not riding or handling a horse.
- You and your guests must conduct yourselves with dignity and good sportsmanship.
- Stable has a **zero tolerance policy** for abuse of any animal or person.
- Due to safety reasons, please schedule your time at the farm.
- If you are the last person to leave the stable in the evening, please close up the barn and turn off all lights as appropriate. Leave the outside light on so I can find the barn in the dark.
- Please keep the bathroom clean. Let Val or Trevor know if soap or TP are low.
- Sunrise Farm reserves the right to decline services to anyone at anytime.

Riding Safety and Arena Etiquette

- **Helmet Policy: We require all riders to wear an ASTM approved/SEI certified helmet with chinstrap securely fastened. This includes adult riders.**
- **Attire: All riders must wear proper attire at all times, including closed toe footwear with a heel (NO ATHLETIC SHOES) and long pants.**
- Minors must have an adult present in the arenas to jump outside of a lesson. Adults may jump without supervision at their own risk.
- Horses are to be treated with dignity and respect. No racing or "cowboying" around.
- Riders taking a lesson have the priority, if you interfere with a lesson you may be asked to leave the arena or jump field.
- If you or your horse are involved in or witness an accident or injury, please report it immediately to Val so that proper care can be administered. This might involve calling Val (440-477-6429) if she is not at the barn.

Children

- **As per my insurance company:** children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. Children are not to be left unattended on the property, in the stable, or in the farm house. Small children must be in hand at all times. Under no circumstances may you allow your children to yell, run or otherwise spook the horses. No baby strollers, bicycles, motorized vehicles or toys permitted in the stable.